

Reduction of fees for Game licenses.

Messrs. Baba Sab, Tarikere Taluk, Lugalgondil Santappa Setti, Yedaballi Sub-Taluk and C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

(2) Formerly, the fee payable was eight annas in the case of shooting licenses and four annas in the case of gun licenses. Ever since the increase of the fee to Rs. 5 in the case of shooting licenses and the imposition of fresh restrictions, people are subjected to much hardship. All cannot afford to purchase a license for Rs. 5. Besides they are afraid of purchasing gun licenses lest they should be taken as violating the Game Rules in case they shoot any animals under unavoidable circumstances. The consequence is that tigers and bears have begun to infest areca gardens and towns. This has been the prime cause for the neglect of gardens and other lands and for affording facility for robbers to commit house-breaking and theft. It is therefore requested that in the case of the malnad at least the former rate of fees may be revived. This will not only secure safety to the people but will be profitable to Government.

Reply of Government.—There seems to be much misconception on the subject.

Wild animals are not included in the definition of "Game" in the Game Regulation. For shooting tigers, etc., it is unnecessary to take out a game license and pay Rs. 5. Under Rule 18 of the Arms Rules licenses to possess arms are issued without fee for a term of five years to persons who require arms for the destruction of wild beasts doing injury to human beings, cattle or crops.

SUBJECT No. 54.

Exemption of persons paying an assessment of not less than Rs. 200 from the operations of the Arms Regulation.

Messrs. Gundu Rao, Basave Gowda and Nanjundaiya, Bowringpet Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The patels are at present permitted to possess arms without licenses. It is requested that a similar concession may be extended to every person who pays not less than Rs. 200 as land revenue to Government.

(2) Also a person who has been once a Representative Member may be permanently exempted.

Reply of Government.—Exemptions are granted in individual cases on application. No general exemption as proposed is called for.

(2) Noted.

SUBJECT No. 55.

Exemption of Municipal Commissioners from the Arms Regulation.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Shimoga Municipality.

SUBJECT No. 56.

Training of Police Officers and Inspectors in Police Schools and the appointment of a detective Inspector.

Mr. M. Hassan Ali Beg, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Municipal Commissioners may be exempted from the operation of the Arms Regulation.

Reply of Government.—This will be considered after the new Municipal Regulation is promulgated.

Summary of discussion.—The Police in this State do not know the right way of detecting cases and often make themselves liable to be charged for extortion. The innocent will often be brought into trouble. It is therefore requested that Police Officers and Inspectors may be train-